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SUBJ: MBFR: DATA QUESTIONS FOR JUNE 20 INFORMAL SESSION

ATTACHED ARE THE TEXTS OF DRAFT QUESTIONS ON DATA FOR
USE AT THE JUNE 20 INFORMAL SESSION. USDEL WILL INTRODUCE
THEM FOR AHG APPROVAL ON JUNE 19. BEGIN TEXT:

1. WE WOULD NOW LIKE TO RETURN TO OUR DISCUSSION OF DATA,
AND WE HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS REGARDING EASTERN FIGURES.

2. FIRST, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE
REPLY WHICH THE EAST PROVIDED TO THE FIRST FIVE QUESTIONS WE
PRESENTED ON JUNE 7.

3. EASTERN REPS SAID, AS REGARDS SOVIET PERSONNEL IN
UNITS AND COMMANDS OF TYPES ENUMERATED ON THE LIST, LIST A,
WHICH WE GAVE EASTERN REPS ON JUNE 7, AND OF WHICH WE ARE GIVING
YOU ANOTHER COPY NOW FOR REFERENCE, THAT QUOTE PERSONNEL OF ALL
SUCH SUBUNITS AND COMMANDS UNQUOTE HAVE BEEN COUNTED BOTH IN THE
FIGURES FOR SOVIET GROUND FORCE MANPOWER AND IN THE FIGURES
FOR AIR FORCE MANPOWER.

4. ON THE BASIS OF WHAT EASTERN REPS TOLD US PREVIOUSLY ON
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FEBRUARY 15, 1977, WE ASSUME THAT EASTERN REPS MEAN BY THIS
THAT ALL THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF ALL UNITS AND COMMANDS OF
THE TYPE ENUMERATED ON THIS LIST A HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE
FIGURES FOR SOVIET GROUND AND AIR MANPOWER. WE WOULD LIKE
EASTERN REPS TO CONFIRM THIS.

5. SECOND, WE UNDERSTAND THE EAST'S ANSWER TO MEAN THAT,

ALTHOUGH PERSONNEL IN SPECIFIC UNITS AND COMMANDS SERVING MORE THAN ONE BRANCH OF SERVICE HAVE BEEN COUNTED AS GROUND FORCES, NONE OF THE FUNCTIONS ENUMERATED ON THE LIST IS PERFORMED ENTIRELY BY UNITS OF ONE BRANCH OF SERVICE SERVING BOTH BRANCHES. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO FUNCTION ON THE LIST WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED ENTIRELY AS GROUND FORCE MANPOWER. IS THIS UNDERSTANDING CORRECT?

6. WHILE WE ARE ON THIS SUBJECT, WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM

ONCE MORE THAT BOTH SIDES MEAN THE SAME THING WHEN THEY REFER TO QUOTE MILITARY PERSONNEL UNQUOTE.

7. WHEN WE REFER TO MILITARY PERSONNEL, WE MEAN FULL TIME ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEN, AUTHORIZED TO WEAR A MILITARY UNIFORM, WHO ARE SUBJECT TO MILITARY ORDERS AND DISCIPLINE AND WHO ARE PAID OUT OF MILITARY BUDGETS.

8. WE HAVE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE EXCLUDED FROM OUR OWN FIGURES FOR WARSAW PACT MILITARY PERSONNEL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE ARMED FORCES, RESERVISTS, AND THE PERSONNEL OF BORDER GUARD AND INTERNAL SECURITY UNITS, AS WELL AS THE CONSCRIPT PERSONNEL OF THE POLISH UNITS OF TERRITORIAL DEFENSE.

9. FROM WHAT EASTERN REPS HAVE SAID IN OUR EARLIER DISCUSSIONS OF THE SUBJECT, WE HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
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EASTERN REPS UNDERSTAND THE TERM QUOTE MILITARY PERSONNEL UNQUOTE IN THE SAME WAY I HAVE JUST DESCRIBED. IF THERE ARE ANY DIFFERENCES, WE HOPE THE EAST WILL BRING THEM TO OUR ATTENTION.

10. IN OUR THIRD QUESTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE LIST, LIST B WHICH WE GAVE TO EASTERN REPS ON FEB 15, 1977. THAT IS, TO THE LIST OF TYPES OF UNITS, SUBUNITS AND FORMATIONS EASTERN REPS HAVE REFERRED TO AS BEING IN THE CATEGORIES OF COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT. (WESTERN REPS COULD AT THIS POINT HAND EASTERN REPS A COPY OF LIST B, ATTACHED)

11. EASTERN REPS SAID ON FEB 22, 1977 THAT THE EAST'S FIGURES INCLUDED ALL THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF ALL OF THE UNITS ENUMERATED ON THIS LIST. WE TOO HAVE COUNTED ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ALL WARSAW PACT UNITS OF THIS TYPE.

12. OUR NEXT QUESTION PERTAINS SPECIFICALLY TO SOVIET GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL IN UNITS, SUBUNITS AND FORMATIONS OF THE TYPE ENUMERATED ON THIS LIST WHOM THE EAST HAS COUNTED IN ITS FIGURES FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS.

(WESTERN REPS NEXT HAND TO EASTERN REPS COPIES OF LIST C,
ATTACHED, AND DISCUSS IT WITH EASTERN REPS AS FOLLOWS:

13. THIS LIST C DESCRIBES OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SPECIFIC
SOVIET COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, AND SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS WHOSE
PERSONNEL THE EAST HAS COUNTED IN THE FIGURE FOR SOVIET GROUND
FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS.

14. WE WOULD LIKE EASTERN REPS TO REVIEW THIS LIST C AND TELL
US WHETHER THIS UNDERSTANDING IS CORRECT.

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15. IT MAY BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD IF AT THIS TIME WE
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REVIEW LIST C WITH EASTERN REPS.

16. UNDER THE HEADING OF QUOTE COMBAT UNQUOTE IT IS OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FIGURE YOU HAVE GIVEN US FOR SOVIET GROUND
FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS INCLUDES ALL PERSONNEL IN THE
FOLLOWING TYPES OF SOVIET UNITS, SUBUNITS, AND FORMATIONS,
REGARDLESS OF THE SUBORDINATION OF THOSE UNITS.

--MOTORIZED RIFLE AND TANK, INCLUDING ALL DIVISIONS AND AS
ALL SEPARATE UNITS AND SUBUNITS OF THESE TYPES.

--ARTILLERY AND MISSILES

17. FOR AIR DEFENSE MISSILE UNITS, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING
THAT THE SOVIET FIGURE FOR MAJOR FORMATIONS INCLUDES ALL UNITS
OF BRIGADE SIZE, REGARDLESS OF SUBORDINATION, AND ALL UNITS
SMALLER THAN BRIGADES WHO BELONG TO ARMIES AND TO THE SOVIET
GROUPS OF FORCES IN POLAND AND THE CSSR.

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18. AS FOR THE REMAINING TYPES OF FORCES LISTED UNDER THE HEADING OF COMBAT, AS WELL AS ALL THOSE LISTED UNDER COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FIGURE FOR PERSONNEL IN SOVIET MAJOR FORMATIONS INCLUDES, FOR EACH OF THESE TYPES OF FORCES, ALL PERSONNEL IN ALL UNITS AND SUBUNITS WHICH ARE SUBORDINATE TO SOVIET ARMIES AND TO THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE GROUPS OF FORCES IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EXCEPT FOR SUBUNITS OF CENTRAL SUBORDINATION.

19. WE WOULD LIKE EASTERN REPS TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE ALLOCATION DESCRIBED ON LIST C IS CORRECT.

20. FOR OUR FIFTH QUESTION, WE WOULD LIKE TO REFER TO THE LIST OF GENERAL SERVICE UNITS AND COMMANDS ON LIST A WHICH WE GAVE YOU ON JUNE 7. OUR QUESTION IS: IS IT CORRECT THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE UNITS, SUBUNITS, AND FORMATIONS DESCRIBED ON LIST C, WHICH WE HAVE JUST GIVEN YOU, THE SOVIET FIGURE FOR SOVIET GROUND FORCE MANPOWER IN MAJOR FORMATIONS ALSO INCLUDES ALL PERSONNEL IN EACH UNIT AND COMMAND OF THE TYPES ENUMERATED ON LIST A WHICH SUPPORT SOVIET ARMIES IN THE GDR AND THE GROUPS OF SOVIET FORCES IN POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA?

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1. PERFORMING GUARD DUTY FOR DEPOTS, BASES, AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

2. ASSIGNED TO FIRE BRIGADES FOR GARRISONS, BASES, AND DEPOTS.

3. IN MAINTENANCE ENTERPRISES NOT BELONGING TO UNITS (VOYSKA) BUT SEPARATE FROM THEM.

4. IN MILITARY TRADE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS COMMISSARIES AND POST EXCHANGES OR CANTEENS.

5. IN CONSTRUCTION UNITS CONCERNED WITH INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROAD, BRIDGE AND AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION UNITS AND ENTERPRISES.

6. IN CENTRAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

7. IN MILITARY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.

8. ASSIGNED TO EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES FOR
TERRITORIAL FORCES.

9. IN MILITARY POST OFFICES AND MILITARY POSTAL SERVICES.

10. IN MILITARY TOPOGRAPHICAL SERVICES.

11. WORKING AS CLERKS, CASHIERS, CLEANING AND MAINTAINING
BUILDINGS, HEATING FACILITIES.

12. EMPLOYED IN OFFICERS' CLUBS, SOLDIERS' CLUBS, VARIOUS KINDS
OF ARTISTIC ENSEMBLES AND ORCHESTRAS (NOT MILITARY BANDS),
ATHLETIC GROUPS, AND RECREATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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LIST B

COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT
(COMPOSITE EASTERN LISTING)

COMBAT (PRESENTED IN WRITING AT NOV 25, 1975 INFORMAL BY
AMBASSADOR KHLESTOV)

GROUND

--MOTORIZED RIFLE, MECHANIZED/INFANTRY
--TANK (ARMOR)
--MISSILE
--ARTILLERY
--AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
--AIR DEFENSE MISSILE
--ARMY AVIATION

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--FIGHTER AVIATION
--FIGHTER BOMBER AVIATION
--BOMBER AVIATION
--RECONNAISSANCE AVIATION
--TRANSPORT AVIATION
--AIR DEFENSE MISSILE
--AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY

COMBAT SUPPORT (FROM MARCH 2, 1976 INFORMAL BY AMBASSADOR OESER)
(DEFINED AS TROOPS FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT OF COMBAT TROOPS)

IN THE COMBAT AREA)

--MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

--SIGNAL

--RADIO TECHNICAL/RADIO ELECTRONICS

--UNITS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST WEAPON MASS DESTRUCTION

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--ENGINEER

--AIR BASE TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNITS

COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT (MARCH 2, 1976 INFORMAL BY AMBASSADOR
OESER)

(UNITS FOR COMBAT SERVICE RENDERED TO COMBAT TROOPS)

--MEDICAL

--TRANSPORTATION

--REPAIR

--SUPPLY

--GUARD

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SOVIET UNITS# OF COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE
SUPPORT WHOSE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN COUNTED IN MAJOR FORMATIONS

COMBAT

GROUP NO. 1

ALL UNITS REGARDLESS OF SUBORDINATION.

- MOTORIZED RIFLE, MECHANIZED INFANTRY
- TANK (ARMOR)
- MISSILE
- ARTILLERY

GROUP NO. 2

ALL UNITS OF BRIGADE SIZE, REGARDLESS OF SUBORDINATION PLUS
ALL UNITS SMALLER THAN BRIGADE SIZE SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES AND
GROUP OF SOVIET FORCES IN POLAND AND CSSR.

- AIR DEFENSE MISSILE

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GROUP 3

ALL UNITS SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES AND TO GROUPS OF
SOVIET FORCES IN POLAND AND CSSR.

- AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY
- ARMY AVIATION

COMBAT SUPPORT

ALL UNITS SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES AND TO GROUPS OF SOVIET
FORCES IN POLAND AND CSSR.

- MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
- SIGNAL
- RADIO TECHNICAL/RADIO ELECTRONICS
- UNITS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST WEAPON MASS DESTRUCTION
- ENGINEER

COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT

ALL UNITS SUBORDINATE TO ARMIES AND TO GROUPS OF SOVIET
FORCES IN POLAND AND CSSR.

- MEDICAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- REPAIR
- SUPPLY
- GUARD

#THE WORD "UNITS" IS USED HERE IN A GENERAL SENSE, REFERRING
TO ALL UNITS, SUBUNITS, AND FORMATIONS.

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